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Your Steering Committee have been working to address the various issues which are or will be affecting our Ottershaw Neighbourhood Area in the future. Some of the more significant ones are:

A320 Roundabout changes– currently, the SCC approved new conditions which are proposed to apply to the new roundabout design are with the Secretary of State for consideration. At this time we have no clear idea if/when they will be approved.

Ottershaw East – A planned housing development on Brox Road Nursery land for 186 dwellings, 2 traveller pitches and a GP surgery– details of all documents can be found on Runnymede planning portal www.runnymede.gov.uk/Northgate/Planning under application number **RU.22/0454**

This FULL planning application first came to light in May 2022 following an outline planning application in March 2020. The Vistry Group (the developer) submitted amended plans mid- September 22 which amounted to over 100 re-submitted documents. In the first week of November further plans were submitted pertaining to the housing mix and parking spaces. To date, 123 objection letters have been submitted by **BRAG** and other members of our community. This application will go to the Runnymede Borough Council planning committee for a decision, however it will not be before 14th December at least. You can still submit an objection to this application. It is important that we can get the best outcome we possibly can for this site and not allow developers to ‘rubber stamp’ it. It will be there for a long time to come and will set precedents should there be any future development around the village. The **Brox Road (Nursery) Action Group - BRAG** have a website holding key information on this development www.ottershawbrag.com

Related to this, the wooded area behind the Brox Road Nursery field has a separate application to change the use of the land from Green Belt to Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace **SANG.RU.22/0479**

Travis Perkins Site – This has now dragged along for a year. 3 Applications have now been received and are at different stages:

RU.21/1067: (Retail unit and flats) Refused by the planning committee. Now subject to appeal by applicant.

RU.22/0667: (8 flats) Awaiting planning decision

RU.22/0644: (Retail unit and flats) revised version of 1067. Awaiting planning decision

At this point it is unclear what RBC are likely to approve. In our opinion the retail option is more attractive and less cramped.

RBC Emerging Local Plan –Due to uncertainty over government housing planning allocations and policy, RBC have stalled most of their work associated with the development of the emerging 2040 Local Plan. Some work will continue, focussing on Green Belt review and other areas. This will delay the completion date for the plan beyond the current 2025 date.

Neighbourhood Plan - Drafts are now in progress for several sections of our plan. Content will be shared with the community for consideration as we move forward.